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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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**TITLE:** Methods and Apparatus for Adaptive Problem Determination  
in Distributed Service-Based Applications

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Application - 12 pages of Specification, 6 pages of Claims and 1 page of Abstract  
3 Sheets of informal drawing(s)  
Declaration (unexecuted)

CLAIMS AS FILED				
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Total Claims	29-20 =	9	x \$18 =	\$162
Independent Claims	3-3 =	0	x \$86 =	\$0
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if applicable			\$290 =	\$0
Basic Fee				\$770
<b>TOTAL FEE:</b>				<b>\$932</b>

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